

- 1) (original) A method of protecting at least one fire sprinkler riser system of a fire-protectable structure comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing at least one protective enclosure around the at least one fire sprinkler riser system;
 - b) attaching such at least one protective enclosure to such fire-protectable structure; and
 - c) operatively connecting such at least one fire sprinkler riser system to a fire sprinkler system of such fire-protectable structure.
- 2) (original) The method according to Claim 1 further comprising:
 - a) providing at least one closable access portal to such at least one protective enclosure structured and arranged to permit maintenance of such at least one fire sprinkler riser system.
- 3) (original) The method according to Claim 1 wherein such at least one protective enclosure comprises:
 - a) at least one box sufficiently large to enclose such at least one fire sprinkler riser system.
- 4) (original) A method of supplying fire sprinkler riser systems for a fire-protectable structure comprising the steps of:
 - a) providing at least one fire sprinkler riser;
 - b) providing at least one protective enclosure to protect such at least one fire sprinkler riser after installation;
 - c) mounting, before the installation, such at least one fire sprinkler riser in such at least one protective enclosure; and
 - d) providing transportation of such mounted at least one fire sprinkler riser to at least one installer.
- 5) (original) The method according to Claim 4 further comprising the step of attaching at least one fire sprinkler riser component to such at least one fire sprinkler riser prior to such mounting.
- 6) (original) The method according to Claim 4 further comprising the step of attaching at least one fire sprinkler riser component to such at least one fire sprinkler riser after such mounting.
- 7) (original) The method according to Claim 4 wherein such at least one protective enclosure comprises at least one closable access portal.
- 8) (original) The method according to Claim 4 wherein such at least one protective enclosure further comprises storage means for storing replacement sprinkler heads.
- 9) (original) The method according to Claim 4 wherein such at least one protective enclosure further comprises indicia means for instructing at least one user concerning the at least one fire sprinkler riser system.
- 10) (canceled)
- 11) (canceled)
- 12) (canceled)
- 13) (currently amended) The fire protection system according to Claim 12 A fire protection system for connecting at least one water supply to at least one fire sprinkler system of a fire-protectable structure comprising, in combination:
 - a) at least one riser system comprising at least one riser; and
 - b) at least one enclosure structured and arranged to substantially enclose and protect such at least one riser system;
 - c) wherein such at least one riser system is mounted to such at least one enclosure

- d) wherein said at least one enclosure comprises at least one box sufficiently large to enclose and protect said at least one riser system
 - e) wherein said at least one protective enclosure further comprises at least one storage element adapted to store replacement sprinkler heads.
- 14) (currently amended) ~~The fire protection system according to Claim 12~~ A fire protection system for connecting at least one water supply to at least one fire sprinkler system of a fire-protectable structure comprising, in combination:
- a) at least one riser system comprising at least one riser; and,
 - b) at least one enclosure structured and arranged to substantially enclose and protect such at least one riser system;
 - c) wherein such at least one riser system is mounted to such at least one enclosure
 - d) wherein said at least one enclosure comprises at least one box sufficiently large to enclose and protect said at least one riser system
 - e) wherein said at least one enclosure further comprises at least one indicia adapted to instruct at least one user concerning the at least one riser system.
- 15) (canceled)
- 16) (canceled)
- 17) (canceled)
- 18) (canceled)
- 19) (canceled)
- 20) (canceled)
- 21) (canceled)
- 22) (currently amended) ~~The fire protection system according to Claim 10~~ A fire protection system for connecting at least one water supply to at least one fire sprinkler system of a fire-protectable structure comprising, in combination:
- a) at least one riser system comprising at least one riser; and,
 - b) at least one enclosure structured and arranged to substantially enclose and protect such at least one riser system;
 - c) wherein such at least one riser system is mounted to such at least one enclosure;
 - d) wherein said enclosure comprises at least one mud-ring.
- 23) (currently amended) The fire protection system according to Claim 14 wherein elements of said at least one indicia means comprise information selected from the group consisting essentially of:
- a) instructions
 - b) test data
 - c) troubleshooting information
 - d) hydraulic calculations
- 24) (currently amended) ~~The fire protection system according to Claim 11~~ A fire protection system for connecting at least one water supply to at least one fire sprinkler system of a fire-protectable structure comprising, in combination:
- a) at least one riser system comprising at least one riser; and,
 - b) at least one enclosure structured and arranged to substantially enclose and protect such at least one riser system;
 - c) wherein such at least one riser system is mounted to such at least one enclosure;

- d) wherein said at least one enclosure further comprises at least one closable access portal structured and arranged to permit maintenance of said at least one riser system;
 - e) wherein said at least one closable access portal comprises at least one transparent window.
- 25) (currently amended) The fire protection system according to Claim 16 further comprising A fire protection system for connecting at least one water supply to at least one fire sprinkler system of a fire-protectable structure comprising, in combination:
- a) at least one riser system comprising at least one riser; and,
 - b) at least one enclosure structured and arranged to substantially enclose and protect such at least one riser system;
 - c) wherein such at least one riser system is mounted to such at least one enclosure;
 - d) at least one component, attached to said riser, wherein said at least one component provides at least one function selected from the group consisting of:
 - i) a flow switch function to monitor water flow through the at least one fire sprinkler system;
 - ii) a test and drain valve function to test and drain the at least one fire sprinkler system;
 - iii) a pressure gauge function to monitor water pressure in the at least one fire sprinkler system; and,
 - iv) a relief valve function to provide over-pressure relief for the at least one fire sprinkler system; and
 - c) a computer system structured and arranged to provide selected monitoring of functions of the fire protection system.
- 26-48) (canceled)